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§13–102.

- (a) This section does not apply in Washington County.
- (b) (1) The governing body of a county may adopt rules and regulations for:
 - (i) sales of dog licenses;
 - (ii) keeping records of dog licenses; and
 - (iii) enforcing this subtitle.
- (2) Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, the governing body may delegate, by written contract, the enforcement and administration of this subtitle to any organization or municipality in the county.
- (3) (i) The governing body shall reserve the right to cancel a written contract executed in accordance with paragraph (2) of this subsection.
- (ii) A cancellation under this paragraph:
 - 1. may be without notice or recourse, if the cancellation is for cause; or
 - 2. requires notice at least 30 days before cancellation, if the cancellation is without cause.
- (c) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the sheriff or a deputy authorized by the sheriff:
 - (i) shall enforce this subtitle; and
 - (ii) may issue a summons to a person who violates a provision of this subtitle.
- (2) In Calvert County and Garrett County:
 - (i) this subtitle shall be enforced by:

1. the sheriff or any deputy authorized by the sheriff;
or

2. an animal control officer appointed by the county commissioners or the county commissioner's designee; and

(ii) the sheriff, a deputy authorized by the sheriff, or an animal control officer may issue a summons to any person violating a provision of this subtitle.

(3) The governing body of a county shall pay the actual expenses in enforcing this subtitle, including paying the salary of a deputy appointed for that purpose.

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